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1. The airfield is located 9 km west of Riga, about 2 km from Babite (56°58'N/
23°57'E), Latvian SSR, north of a road from Riga to the west. The field was about
2 km square.

2. [redacted] the field was a former German installation which was improved [redacted] after May 1945. The construction work was not completed in August 1946.

3. The field had a concrete runway, 1,200 meters long, with a concrete surface about 15 cm thick. Drainage facilities at the field were installed about 1 meter underground. The field was bordered by plowed land on the south and by woods on the west. The billets were constructed in the woods. Three three-story brick buildings, each 50 x 20 meters, were completed by August 1946. Aircraft hangars were not erected. The highway running along the southern edge of the field had been moved southward so that enlargement of the landing field would be possible.

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4. The airfield located about 7 km west of Riga, just north of the road to Mitau (Yelgava) (56°40'N/23°42'E), had a runway 65 x 1,600 meters. [redacted]
[redacted] A taxiway, 6 to 8 meters wide, ran around the field and the runway. Splinterproof revetments were built along the outside of the taxiway.

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5. The field was unoccupied in 1945 and there were no hangars or barracks buildings.
6. In late 1949 about 50 twin-engine and three-engine planes were seen at the field.

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